THE EMPEROR AFOOT

IN THE PATH OF NAPOLEON

100 Years After His By JAMES MORGAN

THE GREATEST OF MILITARY TRAGEDIES

Mr. Morgan's story today is of the greatest of military tragedies, when, on his retreat from Moscow, Napoleon lout the remaining half of his 600,000, but not so much from the rigors of a Rassian winter as from the lack of food and proper clothing. It is a tale of the frightful wreck of the greatest of modern armies, of the most sudden reversals in fortunes, of the swiftest toboggan from the heights of giery.

Dates and Events—Age 43.

Oct. 18, 1812—Russians defeated Murai.
Oct. 19, 1812—Napoleon retreated from Moscow.
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Oct. 28, 1812—Hattle of Maloyarostaver.
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Nov. 4, 1812—Rattle of Vissians.
Nov. 4, 1812—The first snow.
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Dec. 13, 1812—The army crossed the Niccien.
Dec. 14, 1812—Nayoleon at Dreaden.
Dec. 18, 1812—Nayoleon at Dreaden.
Jun. 16, 1813—Murat left the army.

APOLEON, having seen at last that he must "abandon that pile of rubbish," marched his army out of the still smoking ruins of Moseow on an October morning in 1812, and began his long retreat from Russia. "Moseow," he announced, "has ceased to exist." And when at a distance of many leagues he heard the explosion of his mines under the Kremilin, he proclaimed the boast that "this ancient citadel, the first palace of the Crar's, is no more."

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The retreating mass had hardly crowded past the gates of the city, when its wagons began to stall and its sumptuous carriages which had been stolen from the stables of the nobility began to break down. When the Emperor overtook it and pushed his way through, it was already a disorganized rabble. He no longer commanded a grand army, but was swept along helpleasly in the midst of the strangest horde that Europe had seen since the Goths and Vandals.

The confused and motiey procession stretched its length for miles and miles as it wound its way over the illimitable Russian steppes, cursing and shouting in a babel of languages. All the sick and wounded who had been able to struggle to their feet were riding in carriages and wagons, but 1,290 comrades had been left behind in the hospitals of Moscow.

Plunder Poor

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If the men under arms numbered 190.600, and no one knows how many there
really were they were followed by half
as many more noncombatants, who
clung to the legs of the toiling army
and held it back. Some of these were
prisoners, some were servants; many
were mere hangers on. Beside the
cantine women and other hardy members of the "love escort" who had survived the advance, there were French
and other foreign women residents of
Moscow, who were fleeing from the
wrath of the Muscovites. And willing
captives of the everywhere irresistible
wooers of France, there were even Russian girls, in their paint, in their pilfered furs, gowns, jewels and carriages,
disporting themselves as gaily as if out
for an afternoon drive.

There were 1,000 atmy wagons and 50
cannons to be dragged over the long
weary road ahead and all manner of
other vehicles loaded down with the
spoils of Moscow. Some footish looters
had piled their booty on whereharrows,
and were starting to push it 2,000 miles
across Europe.

No army ever was so heavily encum-

h baggage. It was plunder he outset. Count Tolstoi has to a monkey whose hand is of nuts, but who refuses to open his fist and draw it out for fear of dropping his loot.

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A sergeant's diary spreads before us the contents of his knapsack on leaving Moscow: Several pounds of sugar, some rice, some crackers, a bottle of liquor, a Chinese silk dress, several gold and silver ornaments, a woman's riding cloak, two silver pictures in relief, several lockets and a Russian prince's cuspidor set with brilliants, while he wore over his shoulders an ermine-lined cape and carried a pouch containing a crucifix and a vase.

Weighted down with gold and silver weighted down with gold and silve-with rich stores of rare wines and liq-uors, with great stocks of beautiful gowns and gold-laced coats, the mob started on a march of many hundreds of miles and many weeks through a barren wilderness in a Russian winter—with worn-out boots and summer uniforms and food enough for only ten daws. only ten days:

Backing Out of Russia.

Napoleon had hoped to throw the enemy off the scent. But when Kutusof overtook him, he was only five days from Moscow. Thenceforth he had to back out of Russia, with his pursuer pressing upon him at every sten. Night and day his soldiers were forever beset by Cossack cavairy. They had to fight not only for roads and bridges, but also take turns in warding off the swarming pests while their comrades slept or stopped to cook a meal.

After passing by the field of Boroding, on which 40,000 of the battle-slain lay unburied where they had fallen seven weeks before, another enemy more grim than any foe in arms closed in upon the retreating band. Hunger now pitilessly assailed and swiftly thinned his ranks. There was hardly a grain of wheat within twenty miles of the road on either side. For the two rival armies while passing through the country in August and September had eaten it bare and burned the villages, giving the poor peasantry an impressive illustration of the expressive Russian say. giving the poor peasantry an impressive illustration of the expressive Russian say-ing. When wolves fight, the sheep loss

facts and messmates began to hide their flour and rice or potatoes from one an-other as something too precious to be shared. "Look here," the sergeant who kept a diary exclaimed in a burst of candor. "If I met any one in the woods with a loaf of bread. I should force him to give me half." But he corrected him-self. "No, I should kill him and have it all."

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In the primal passion for self-preservation men canceled their obligations to sithe sick and wounded, and not a few of the helpless were left behind with the former incumbrances that were thrown off day by day. Unfed horses sank in their traces, only to be seized upon as food. Other pursuers, as greedy as the Cossacks were, now followed after the army. A black cloud of vultures howered in the rear like gulls in the wake of a ship at sea, while packs of bowling wolves also took up the chase.

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MARSHAL NEY AND THE REAR GUARD

TREADING THE LANE OF DEATH

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brother of Alexander I, grimly boasted that Gen. January and Gen. February brother of Alexander I, grimly boasted that Gen. January and Gen. Pebruary would crush the invader. But the first Napoleon was not overwhelmed by the elements in his Russian campaign. Neither the first of Moscow nor the snows of the steppes undid him. On the contrary, before ever he looked upon Moscow and while advancing in summer half his army had melted away, while in a fortnight of a genial autumn he lost nearly half his retreating army. The weather was not to blame for the stupendous disassier of 1812. The hosts of the twenty nations perished for the simple, undramatic reason that they did not have enough to eat. Had they been housed at home in warm barracks they could not have enough to eat. Had they been housed at home in warm barracks they could not have lived on the food and drink they found in Russia. By the end of ten days after the retreat began there was neither bread nor beef for the men. Truly an army moves on its belly, and on coming to Russia Napoleon had violated one of his own axioms, "never make war on a desert." When, in a mad conceit, he marched more than \$60,000 men into a poverty-stricken wilderness, where they could not live off the country and where the roads were so poor that the supply trains were stalled, he sealed their doom and his own. Neither Gen. Kutusof was needed to fix his fate. For there was only a broken fragment of the army left when the first snow-flake fell in the third week of the retreat. Nor did Napoleon lose a battle on Russian soil.

The Winter Not to Blame.

his armed force had dwindled to 55,000 fire through the long, sixteen-hour night of the North.

NAPOLEON AT THE HEAD OF THE OLD GUARD ON THE RETREAT BY VERESHCHAGIN-(COPYRIGHT PHOTOGRAPHISCHE GESELLSCHAFT - BY PERMISSION

Women and Children.

The rear guard of the army marched over the fallen in the road, but never failed to stop long enough to strip the bodies of any warm garments they thanked to be left in possession of a fur coat, and reports his own grin rely. "All right, I can wait.

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NAPOLEON'S RETURN

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BAD NEWS FROM FRANCE

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entered upon the Russian campaign, and in a few days 300 more would rest in the snows.

The Crowning Horror.

As Napoleon in his flight approached the Beresina River with the mockery of his grand army, the sun, which no longer shone for him as at Austerlitz, thawed the marshes and broke up the ice in the river. With only 3000 men he must bridge and cross a river, while \$5.000 Russians pressed behind him, 30,000 hore down upon him from the south. Yet he hald not stay and took at the ragged, hollow-eved ten thousand that he had dragged from the graveyard of the half million. For he dreaded to face the world with the appalling truth. 'I desire that there shall be in Vina no foreign that he as well as Napoleon had and hastened away to Naples. The evertaints of America, of the marshes and broke up the ice in the river. With only 3000 men he must bridge and cross a river, while \$5.000 Russians pressed behind him, 30,000 hore down upon him from the south. Yet he half only to turn and \$1.000 threatened him from the south. Yet he half only to trun and growl at them to throw on the half of the grand army broke into atoms as it dispersed in the sheltering woods of East Prussia. A spectral band of \$60 of the Old Guard stalked into the world with the appalling truth. 'I desire that the had dragged from the graveyard of the half million. For he dreaded to face the world with the appalling truth. 'I desire that the had dragged from the graveyard of the half million. For he dreaded to face the world with the appalling truth. 'I desire the half million. For he dreaded to face the world with the appalling truth. 'I desire the half million. For he dreaded to face the world with the appalling truth. 'I desire the half magnetics of the proposal truth and the half dragged him the sheltering woods of East Prussia. A spectral band of \$60 of the Old Guard staked into atoms as it dispersed in the sheltering woods of East Prussia. A spectral band of \$60 of the Old Guard staked into atoms as it dispersed in the sheltering woods of East Pr

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